

Operational Control



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What is Operational Control?

- Defined by FAA as:
 - “Exercis[ing] authority over initiating, conducting or terminating a flight.”
- System of controls over aircraft and crew by qualified individuals
- Ensure safe service to public

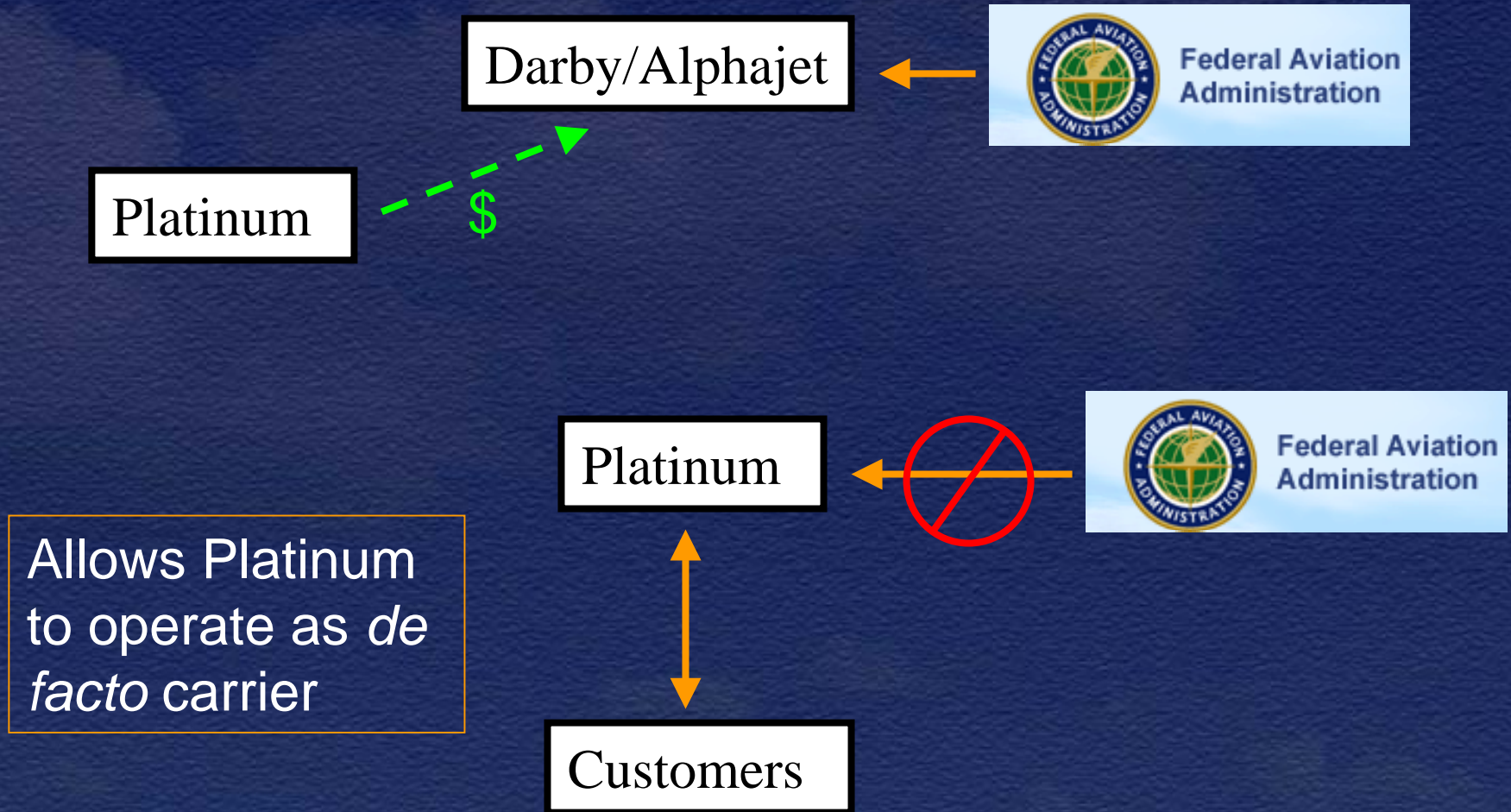
FAA Guidance Pre-Accident

- Operations Specifications - no specific details of operational control methods
- Commonly little more than flight locating procedure

FAA Guidance Pre-Accident

- Crews and aircraft not directly overseen by carrier safety personnel
- Obscured owners from FAA oversight

Loss of Operational Control



Result of Loss of Control

- Environment conducive to deficiencies
- Widespread industry practice

FAA Actions Post-Accident

- Clarified existing regulation
- Federal Register Notice to inform industry
- Series of seminars to educate

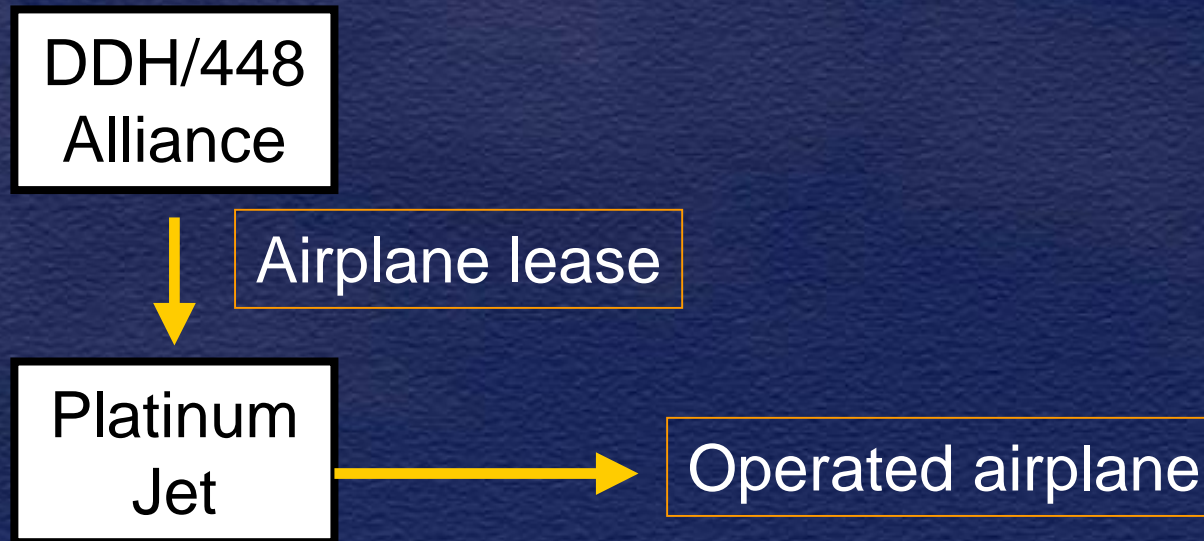
Ops Specs Draft

- New version of Ops Specs order includes specific operational control guidance
- But not yet in effect
- Staff proposes recommendations in this area



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Ownership



Flight Booking

